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Crater leads discussion urging support of ERA

By Mary Beth Donahue

"It is time to make political history. It doesn't take too many people to shake up a delegate," said Flora Crater, an unsuccessful candidate for Lt. Governor of Virginia in last year's election. In a speech at Mary Washington College sponsored by the Fredericksburg League of Women Voters, Crater urged Virginia women to work for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by the state legislature.

The most effective ways to work for the ratification of the E.R.A. is to write or visit your delegate, according to Crater. Last year the E.R.A. never went beyond the committee because the issue was considered too controversial during an election year.

"This is a critical time as far as the E.R.A. is concerned. I feel optimistic but a lot of work has to be done," said Crater.

Crater related that in the three year struggle to get the E.R.A. passed by the federal government no vote was given easily, rather, every vote was earned by effort and perseverance. "We are up against the same thing here in Virginia now," said Crater.

A task force appointed by a Virginia Senate subcommittee has recently concluded its study on the E.R.A.'s effect on Virginia law. The four areas of study were labor and employment laws, property rights laws, family law and criminal, military and prison system laws. According to Crater the task force's report

answered the questions and removed the fears surrounding the issue of the draft for women and separate bathroom facilities. It satisfactorily answered the criticisms of the opponents of the E.R.A. and removed their main arguments.

"The E.R.A. is not essentially for the business or professional women, but the working women. She will

gain the most from it," said Crater. She added that it is a heartening sign that the major labor unions have reversed their stand and are now supporting the E.R.A.

Committee hearings on the E.R.A. will be held in Richmond on February 12 from 9 a.m. to 12. Crater stressing the importance of numbers, urged all supporters to attend the hearings.



Rosen to speak on romanticism

by Nina Biggar

Under the auspices of the United Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program, Mr. Charles Rosen, a distinguished pianist and writer on music, will speak at Mary Washington College. Mr. Rosen is well known for his performances of Beethoven, Schumann, Debussy, Boulez, Elliott Carter, and Liszt.

The topic of Mr. Rosen's speech will be "Romantic Theories of Language and Expression — and Schumann." This lecture will be delivered Tuesday, February 5, at 2:45 p.m. in Klein Theater.

Since 1951, Mr. Rosen has given recitals and concerts throughout the United States and Europe. He is the author of *The Classical Style: Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven*. The distinguished musician is also the recipient of the 1972 National Book Award for art and letters. Mr. Rosen's most recent recordings include the last six sonatas of Beethoven and Bach's Goldberg Variations and *Arts of the Ego*.

Mr. Rosen has taught briefly at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at the University of California. He is presently on the faculty of the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Senate considers loan service

by Gwen Phillips

Housing for male guests is being studied by the Senate Student Welfare Committee. Members are distributing polls to determine the demand for this service and the possibility of alternative arrangements.

A student loan service is being organized, pending formal approval by the administration. The program will probably be initiated this year. The \$500 base comes from profits from the refrigerator rental program. All loans are interest free and will not exceed \$25. An application may be obtained from the Office of Student Services. An evaluating committee, composed of the Executive Cabinet and the Senate Finance Committee chairman, will notify the applicant of the approval of the loan within a week. Only one loan will be allowed during a six week period or until the previous one is repaid. An unpaid loan is considered an honor offense and penalties will be administered as such.

IRC sponsors Security Council

On January 24th, the International Relations Club held its second Model United Nations Security Council of the '73-'74 school year. Proposals considered were as follows: the admission of Bangladesh to the UN as a full voting member; the cease of all French nuclear tests in the South Pacific; the condemnation of Portugal because of its failure to carry out the United Nations Declaration on Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples with regard to Guinea, Angola, and Mozambique; and, a proposal by India calling all nations to adhere to the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of August 5, 1963.

The major purpose of the January council was the selection of three delegates to attend the National Model Security Council in New York City. Attending this conference the weekend of April 19th-21st, are Pam White, Diane Bassemir, and Karen Lebo. Delegates were selected by a majority vote on the basis of performance in the council and overall presentation ability.

During the next three weeks the Student Organizations and Procedures (SOP) Committee will be seeking applicants for appointment to the student-faculty committees. Each applicant will be interviewed by the SOP committee. The formal appointments are made by the College President upon the recommendations of the Executive Chairman of the Student Association.

Due to problems encountered while administering the vote of confidence forms and recommendations of several senators, a motion to lengthen a senator's term to a full year has been referred to the Rules and Procedures Committee. A vote of confidence from the district will be required of any senator who misses two consecutive meetings.

A subcommittee of interested persons will conduct a joint study with a residential committee to investigate the housing situation next year in regard to male students.

A Virginia Association of Student Government is being established to communicate information and work jointly on issues which affect all students. Legislative Chairman Laraine Kelley will attend the next meeting where voting on the new constitution will occur.

A contest to obtain a new handbook cover is being conducted. Twenty-five dollars will be awarded to the person submitting the best design. Deadline is March 1.

The Blue-Grass Experience will perform at MWC on February 14 from 8 to 12. Beer will be served. Each person is allowed one guest. The cost is 50 cents per person. A coffee house is tentatively scheduled for February 8.

ERA campaign

All concerned MWC students are urged to attend an ERA "letter-writing" meeting this Wednesday, February 6, at 8 p.m. in Monroe 4.

"It is vital that women of our age write our legislators to express their support of the ERA, especially since the draft, the issue that seems to be their main concern, would have the most impact on our age group," says Diane Simon, one of the organizers of the meeting.

If the turnout at the meeting is strong, there is a good chance interested people may try to form a local chapter of a national women's group.

VEC helps grads with listings

RICHMOND — The energy crisis and a resulting leveling off of the economy may mean a scarcity of jobs for Virginia's 1974 college graduates, according to C. Wayne Ferguson, state youth coordinator for the Virginia Employment Commission.

Ferguson said that in previous economic "leveling off" periods, employers have postponed hiring new college graduates because they usually start as trainees and often take nearly a year to become productive employees.

The VEC's College Profiles program, which gets the names of recent college graduates before prospective Virginia employers, is being expanded this year in an attempt to offset the relatively poor outlook for those entering the job market, Ferguson said.

Under College Profiles, the VEC publishes a list of recent college graduates seeking work and distributes copies to about 1,000 Virginia employers. This year, about 70,000 additional employers will be informed by direct mail of the availability of the listing.

To be issued in March, April and May, the list will carry the student's name, home address, college attended and major and minor courses of study. Employers who are interested in a particular student either contact him directly or arrange an interview through a local VEC office.

Seniors or recent graduates who want to be included on the list should see their college placement officer or visit their local Virginia Employment Commission office. Forms available at either of these places must be completed and signed by the individual.

No charge is made to employer or job applicant for any VEC service.

Atalay shares experiences of year at Oxford

by Susan Belter

Dr. Bulent Atalay of the MWC Physics Department gave a talk and showed slides concerning "Eight Hundred Years at Oxford" to an audience which filled the Philosophy Room of Trinkle Library. This was the first library seminar of the semester.

Atalay spent the 1972-73 session at Oxford University as a visiting professor of Theoretical Physics and tutor at Hartford College there. He also found time to make sketches of Oxford and the surrounding countryside, which are now on exhibit in the United States. His forthcoming book Oxford and the English Countryside will feature sketches as well as the text.

Positions open on committees

Students interested in becoming members of any eight faculty committees for the 1974-75 school term are urged to submit applications now. Senators can provide applications and more information regarding the forms, which must be received by February 19.

The committees open to students include: Academic Counselling and Guidance, Curriculum, Instruction and Academic Affairs, Admissions and Admission Policy, Library, Public Occasions, Committee on College Affairs and the Rare Books Committee. Other student positions on different committees are filled by appointment.

On the forms, students are to indicate their preferred and second choices concerning committee membership. Once the three-week application period has passed, interviews will be conducted with the individual applicants. Senate Legislative Chairwoman Laraine Kelly explained that these interviews will probably be conducted by a present member of one of the committees and a member of the Student Organization and Procedures Committee.

Through these interviews, the selectors will be able to judge better the willingness of the applicant to work for the committee. "We don't know their real personality just from reading an application," Laraine said. "By talking to them, we can tell if the student will really be a voice in the group, or just a secretary. Some people can write a great application," she added, "but talking with them is just as important."

The lecture began with a description of the locale in which Oxford is located and something about the early history of the town and of the university. The university dates from the twelfth century. In 1167 students expelled from the University of Paris migrated to Oxford, where there had begun an educational institution in 1120. Some forty years later in 1209 some undergraduates were accused of the murder of a townsman. Those who escaped punishment left Oxford and founded Cambridge University, which those at Oxford call "the other place."

Oxford has produced many famous and distinguished alumni, a list of whom gives an indication of the reputation and influence Oxford possesses. Many well-known poets such as Shelley and no less than twenty-four British Prime Ministers attended Oxford. Atalay noted that former Prime Minister Harold Macmillan was now Chancellor of the University. (The author of Alice in Wonderland,) Lewis Carroll, was the pseudonym of an Oxford Mathematics don named Charles Dodgson.

Oxford is comprised of 34 colleges. According to Atalay students feel a loyalty to their college rather than to the University. Several are women's colleges, and they may go coed in the near future, he said. As a tutor Atalay met with his students one or two at a time once a week. At "collections" tutors read aloud their

reports on students, with students and tutors all present. Lectures are given by the University as a whole, and attendance is not mandatory.

Atalay mentioned several traditions at Oxford, such as the oath that students had to swear "not to associate with Simon." Simon was a townsman who killed an undergraduate during the Middle Ages, another example of the "town and gown" rivalry not unknown in other places and centuries. He reported that his library card at Oxford contained the statement that he would not carry fire into the library. Atalay had this to say about tradition at Oxford:

"When traditions lose their first meaning they often seem incongruous and farcical. However intractable adherence to traditions of rigor and excellence for over eight centuries has given Oxford a reputation that other universities can only strive to achieve."

A story which neatly sums up Oxford's reputation is that during World War Two the Germans did not bomb Oxford because it was said that they wished to make it the capital of a German-occupied Britain.

After his prepared lecture Atalay showed slides of the town of Oxford and of the university as well as shots of Stonehenge, Pecadilly Square, Windsor Castle, and several old English villages and cathedrals. Also there was a shot of Atalay in his academic robes. After his presentation he answered questions from the audience.

Notable movies coming to MWC

by Nina Biggar

For the pleasure and enjoyment of Mary Washington coeds, the weekly Saturday night movie series has been established for second semester. Eleven accredited films are remaining on the spring's semester agenda.

"Butterflies Are Free" is planned for February 10 (Sunday), while "Love Story" will be shown on February 16. "Hawaii" will be presented on February 23.

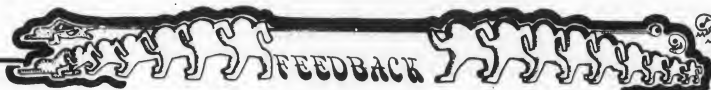
For the month of March, three enjoyable flicks are scheduled. "The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean" is planned for March 3 (Sunday), and "A Man For All Seasons" will run on March 23. John Wayne will entertain Mary Wash coeds on March 30 in "True Grit." "Cold Turkey" and "Midnight Cowboy" will be featured on April 6 and 13, respectively. "The Taming

of the Shrew" is scheduled for April 20, and "1776" will be run on April 27. "Fiddler on the Roof" will conclude the spring semester's movie agenda, being shown here on May 4.

Selection of second semester movies was taken from lists of suggestions students handed in to Mrs. Vanier in Student Services. Two students aides narrowed down the lists, and Mrs. Vanier checked into the availability of the movies.

The weekly movies are presented in the auditorium of George Washington at 8:00 p.m. No student will be allowed to enter the auditorium without his identification. Only one guest is allowed to accompany the student to the weekly flicks.

Students and guests are reminded that no food or drinks are allowed in the auditorium. Smoking is also prohibited.



Johnson supports research ads

Dear Editor:

It is appalling to note the distorted thinking of Laurel Corner, president of the Honor Council, and Lewis Fickett, professor and State Delegate, as well as the other individuals quoted in the Bulletin article headlined "Colleges seek legislation against research ads."

For these individuals to support any legislation which would prevent consenting individuals from exchanging goods or services is frightening. The companies which sell prepared term papers, theses or dissertations are simply providing what certain customers want. And they have every right to prepare and sell these items, just as any individual, student or otherwise, has the right to buy them. There is absolutely no crime or offense in either the selling or the buying of term papers or other written material. It simply involves a free exchange between willing individuals.

The crime or offense does not exist until and unless the student turns in this paper as his or her own work. It is this act that is fraudulent — that constitutes a lie — and it is only this act that should be punished when discovered.

The Honor Council of a college (or a college itself) does not have any right to attempt to prevent private businesses from selling anything, including term papers. It is simply none of their business. The only situation in which the Honor Council can legitimately be involved is that of an accused student who has turned in work that was claimed to be his own, but may have been done by someone else.

Companies that write these papers for customers are completely open about their activities. They are not defrauding the public or their customers. They are not committing any crime or performing any immoral act — just as the seller of a gun is not committing a crime, although the buyer may use this gun in a criminal manner. Only the student who turns in a paper written by someone else, and claims this paper as his own work, is attempting to defraud his instructor and the college and is thus a plagiarizer.

To attempt to legally prevent anyone from publishing anything, including term papers, in a free country that has a guarantee of freedom of speech and press, is a monstrous act which only leads to loss of freedom and further censorship (and never succeeds since the activity simply goes underground). Let us have none of this irrational legislation sponsored or supported by students or institutions of learning which instead should be insisting upon the safeguarding of the freedom of speech and press.

The student who turns in a paper done by someone else is the guilty party, not the someone else who produced it. A student Honor Council (or college administration) should stick to its work on campus and leave others free to exchange what they will.

Sincerely,
Thomas L. Johnson
Professor Biology



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Students wonder about Mary Wash

Dear Mary Wash:

THE MALE VIEW

George Wash (not very original) Wonders: Why is there no male P.E. teacher? Why are most parking spaces behind ACL and beside Monroe filled all day by students of Va. and Willard dorms?

Why must the guys in Willard's "psyche ward" pay the same room fee as girls, if they are now allowed the same privileges?

Why is there still a language requirement? Why must Dr. Bowen pay all of the expenses of the male basketball teams? Is it time for the college administration to recognize and support these teams.

Why is there so little support for the ERA on a predominantly female campus?

Why are the male MWC rings so disgustingly ugly?

Why do guys come to keg parties, if they are just going to stand on the side and talk to their friends? And since we are the host college to these parties, why don't more of the girls take the initiative and ask the guys to dance?

Why is there a rumor going around that the Dean's List requirement is going to be raised to a 3.8 average? Can anyone really be considering such a thing?

Why are notifications of "future" events mailed to day students after they have already occurred?

Why can't everyone have someone special to love? It would make life just a little bit brighter.

Note: Because all editors of the "bullet" are female, I thought you might enjoy reading a few comments from the opposite sex. Your staff has always taken a stand with the oppressed minorities. I hope that in the future you will consider the males of MWC.

Signed,
George Wash

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Male oppression?

To the editor:

There seems to exist at MWC a strange social disease. For some deep dark hidden reason entrusted only to the feminine mind, the male student population has become an autonomically isolated segment of the campus environment. It appears as if there has come about some conspiracy to deny men students participation in the everyday life here at Mary Washington.

It's downright ridiculous! For example, a friendly smile or hello is usually rewarded by either complete silence, an interesting automation of the rear neck muscles resulting in a fixed stare toward the sidewalk, or at worst, a snide glaring scowl.

It may be a false conception, but a campus supposedly represents a model of society. If this is the case, it appears that the ancient Amazon realm will be avenged after all. One solution might be to have all male residential and day students wear enlarged copies of their ID cards in order to classify them as real students and not members of the "motorized" local population.

All joking aside, Mary Washington could be a nicer place to go for all if some of the blank stares were turned into "good mornings. Lord knows we all have enough academic tension to contend with. A universally relaxed social atmosphere might really help everyone.

Your truly,
Dave Graves

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Youth air fares in jeopardy

The great American paranoia over fear of discrimination has been the shaky justification for the Civil Aeronautics Board to reject reduced transatlantic youth fares, altering its eligibility requirements last month.

Transatlantic youth fares were originally available to youths 12 to 26 and student fares to students 12 to 29. Under the proposed change by the CAB, only youths 12 to 23 were eligible for a transatlantic youth fare in 1973 and transatlantic student fares were withdrawn entirely, effective December 31, 1973.

At the end of November last year, the CAB rejected a fare package submitted for approval by the world's transatlantic airlines. It singled out youth fares as totally unacceptable because of their "discriminatory" nature. This was done in spite of the fact that the U. S. Senate, earlier that same month, had passed a bill authorizing airlines to file for special fares for the young and the aged. This bill is presently pending in the House of Representatives, and approval there would mean the continuation of special fares for the young and also the aged.

This action of the Board seems contrary to their own purposes, that is, to make more money on student travel. During the college years, youths generally can not afford transatlantic flight, but knowing reduced rates are available to them encourages many to travel abroad. Likewise, the college student often stands to profit more from international travel than a youth of 12, but the Board's action serves to make travel more accessible to the youngsters instead. Authorities agree that in the college years, a trip abroad can be a most rewarding and enriching experience. Why should the CAB restrict American youths from being able to enlarge on their educational experience?

The cry of discrimination is a paltry excuse indeed. There are numerous cases of special treatment for specific population groups which the public readily condones: federally sponsored low interest student loans; reduced rates to the aged offered by the New York Transit System; and countless discounts at museums, theaters and tourist attractions throughout the world.

A letter to your Congressional representative supporting the Senate-passed bill is the best way to insure reduced youth fares. Write today to support this bill, S 2651.

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Keg party draws criticism

Dear Sir:

Is not MWC a college for women in 1974? Why then, does the administration insist on treating us like school girls in something straight out of "American Graffiti"? I am referring, of course, to the keg party of Jan. 26. It is just one example of the unnatural social atmosphere which is generated at this college. Can't MWC even have a dance (which is a rare thing in itself) without having to go through the embarrassing procedure of having dates frisked for liquor and treated as if this were a high school sock hop?

If MWC is to survive not as simply a learning institution where everyone escapes for the weekend as if on parole, but as a college with a stimulating college atmosphere, it must change. Enrollment is alarmingly low this semester and most sophomores are anxiously awaiting news of acceptances to transfer to a "normal college." Neighboring boys' schools are now co-ed (obviously they keep up with the times) which further limits MWC's social activities.

I am writing this not out of hatred, but rather out of concern for the future of MWC. Are we doomed to spend our college years (presumably the best of our lives) travelling 60 miles to have a date with someone we never met before for a whole weekend, or being treated as cattle to be herded in a truck to a fraternity party? Yet, as MWC is now, this is what must be done if you even want to see a male face.

This might have been fine in 1940, but as an intelligent, modern woman I find it unnatural and humiliating.

Please, Mary Wash, wake up before it is too late and join us in 1974—a good place to start is improving keg parties but you've still got a long way to go!

Name withheld by request



Mrs. Michael Houston and Mrs. Larry Wishner entertained at Brent last week with a special program of French music and songs. The

evening was attended by a number of students and other interested persons, sponsored by Le Circle Francaise.

photo by T. Hoas

Bluegrass benefits heart fund; Nitty Gritty Dirt Band scheduled

By Terry Talbott

It was a bluegrass extravaganza — six hours of picking and fiddling and people dancing at the Robins Center, University of Richmond, Saturday, Jan. 26. The event was a benefit concert for the Richmond Area Heart Fund, to aid in the fight against heart disease.

Doc Watson was there, and Earle Scruggs and John Hartford, too, along with several local bluegrass groups. Their appearances were staggered throughout the night, alternating the big names with the local performers. Those who tried to wait until 8 p.m. or so to catch the headlining acts were dismayed to learn that Doc had already come and gone, and they definitely missed a fine performance.

Doc Watson stood onstage and played his guitar, picking and singing some of his biggest hits and taking requests from those seated at the foot of the stage. The crowd was especially pleased with several selections he played from "Will the Circle be Unbroken", the album he cut with the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and more bluegrass stars.

Incidentally, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band is scheduled to be in concert at UR on February 14, another benefit sponsored by the Heart Fund. They will play at the Robins at 8 p.m., with special guest Steve Martin and the group "Marsh." Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults, with no reserved seats and festival seating for the show.

John Hartford was as entertaining and well-received as he was last semester in his concert here. His more melodic numbers played on guitar were a welcome relief from the nasal, whining tone of a little too much country music. He also played his banjo and fiddle and that really set the crowd to dancing and clapping.

The response he evoked was a good indication of his talent for captivating any audience. His special sound effect numbers, like the "Washing Machine Song," had the crowd in hysterics before they ended. When his set was done, the applause was thunderous, and the group rose to their feet in an effort to bring him back. The emcee for the evening tried to restrain their applause ("Come on, quiet down," he pleaded), but eventually

brought John back onstage for a few more songs.

This brings up the biggest problem with the whole concert, namely, that too many groups were squeezed into one evening. It was a little touching to realize that plain country people like Uncle Leroy and the Pike County Pickers could be billed with a national star like Earle Scruggs, but it was also fatiguing to the ears. Had the local talent been limited to a few less numbers than each played, the concert wouldn't have been but an hour or so shorter, and I don't think anyone in the audience would have had reason to complain.

Just seeing Earle's performance would have made the night worthwhile for me. It was a surprise to see him flanked by two longhaired musicians, and even more surprising to learn they were his sons. This made for a delightful blend of country and rock in their rendition of traditional bluegrass tunes and several of Bob Dylan's compositions.

Scruggs looked very old, especially flanked by his sons, both of them notably talented guitar players. He let them carry lead on vocals and guitar for most of their set, but not one person in the audience ever forgot that he was the old master. The highlight of their appearance came when he stood alone, demonstrating the way he used to pick his guitar for the Saturday night square dances.

"Sometimes I'd be the only one there," he said, "and it'd go something like this." He launched into a whirling and lively dance tune that would have been exhausting to keep up for a long night's dance. "So you can see how happy I'd be when some of the other fellows dropped by with their instruments," Earle said, leading the rest of his group into a full version of what he just played.

The acoustics in the Robins Center are outstanding, and the simple clarity of bluegrass music sounded good all night. Only during Hartford's appearance was there some trouble with the sound system, and that was due to a faulty microphone. The Heart Fund sponsored an evening that was entertaining as well as beneficial to their cause, and the next show with the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band should be just as good. There was ample seating for the bluegrass show, so chances are strong that getting tickets will not be hard.

Aggie works in maintenance as only female

by Gwen Phillips

If you request a maintenance man to replace light bulbs or fix broken lamps you are likely to be surprised to discover Aggie Levine at your door with a ladder in one hand and a bag over her shoulder responding to your call.

For the past two and a half months Aggie has been working as an electrician. She is the only female electrician or member of the MWC maintenance staff. With her "grab bag" of replacement lights she changes bulbs, lamps, plugs and fixes switches in all the dorms and academic buildings. As an apprentice, she observes the regular electricians to do projects.

Aggie stated that she was searching for perspective jobs and inquired at MWC. She remarked, "I was hired for convenience and for what I could do. It is more convenient for the girls to have a woman coming into the dorms."

A good rapport has been established between Aggie and the members of the maintenance staff. Aggie laughed and said, "There is an occasional pinch or two, but I don't pinch them hard." She added she had been treated as an equal, but not given a rough time. She remarked of electrician foreman Gary Gallahan, "He is the finest electrician I've ever seen. He is very patient and teaches me until he is sure I know and answers all questions in full."

Being neither a teacher nor a student enables her to relate to both, she stated. She is often invited for coffee by the girls in the dorms. "I've met a whole lot of girls and we get along fine," Aggie confirmed. One girl in Jefferson did not believe Aggie was a maintenance person until she produced identification. She plays spades with girls in Tri-Unit. If the girls lose the game they must install their own bulbs. If Aggie loses she does the job.

"There are conveniences of being a maintenance person," Aggie responded. "I'm not rushed and if I'm on my way out of Mason or Randolph I can use the Men's Room." Aggie stated that she always calls "maintenance man" when entering a room except in Trench Hill or the male wing of Willard. There she calls "maintenance woman." One day during exams she took some sandwiches to the reserve room of the library and asked with a New York delicatessen accent, "Are youse da guys dat ordered da sandwiches?"

Aggie commented, "About the only disadvantage is sore shoulders now and then. I really love my work and get along well with everybody." Though this is her first job, Aggie did construction work one summer as a carpenter's assistant and had drafting classes in high school.



Poor Aggie, working so hard that she wore a hole in her shoes! "This is what comes from walking up and down so many stairs," she explains.

Parker chosen as state princess

Miss Juliana L. Parker will represent the Commonwealth of Virginia as the 1974 Virginia Cherry Blossom Princess in the forthcoming National Conference of State Societies Cherry Blossom Festival to be held in Washington, D.C., March 25-30, 1974, Roy G. Allman, President of the Society of Virginia, announced today.

A native Virginian, Miss Parker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hodges Parker of Fairfax, Virginia, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh O. Luter, Holland Road, Suffolk, Virginia. She spent many of her summer vacations with her grandparents in Suffolk and has many friends in the Virginia Beach area. Her sister Jennifer was the Virginia Cherry Blossom Princess for 1972.

Miss Parker is presently a senior at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia, where she is majoring in English. She will be a student teacher in the Fredericksburg area during the spring semester. Last fall she was the Coordinator for the Governor Campaign at Mary Washington and worked with Young Virginians for Godwin.

Miss Parker graduated from W. T. Woodson High School (Fairfax) in June 1970 and attended the University of Mississippi during her freshman and sophomore years. At the University of Mississippi, she was a semi-finalist for ROTC girl and a semi-finalist in

the Miss University Contest. She was also a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. During her high school years, Miss Parker was Vice President of the Freshman Class, President of the Sophomore Class, President of the Freshman and Channel Choirs, a member of the Keyettes, Pep Club, Drama Club, and a cheerleader during her junior and senior years. She was also voted the best leader of the Senior Class. In 1970 she made her debut at the Golden Magnolia Debutante Cotillion in Washington, D.C.

As one of the 52 Cherry Blossom Princesses, Miss Parker will be a contender for "Queen" of the 1974 Cherry Blossom Festival. The Queen will be chosen and crowned at the Cherry Blossom Ball, Saturday night, March 30. Miss Parker is 5 feet 8 inches tall, has light brown hair and blue eyes. Her hobbies include sewing, modeling, swimming, skiing, crawing, antique collecting and working in political campaigns.

The National Conference of State Societies was created by Act of Congress on April 3, 1952, to promote friendly and cooperative relations between the various State and Territorial Societies in the District of Columbia and to foster, participate in, and encourage educational, cultural, charitable, civic and patriotic programs in Washington, D.C., and the surrounding communities. For many years it has participated in the National Cherry Blossom Festival, which is one of the outstanding spring events held in the District of Columbia.



Julie Parker has been selected to represent Virginia in the national Cherry Blossom Festival this spring.

Civitan members show enthusiasm

by Virginia Wilson

"Are you tired and run down? Are you feeling irritable and depressed? Maybe you aren't in such sad spirits now but would you like to prepare for those devil-days ahead? Well, do I have a pill for you? It's called Civitan, a good little pepper-upper which challenges Vivarin in the effort to feel great."

"Civitan? How does it work?"

"It works when you work."

"What? You asked me if I was tired and depressed, then you suggested that work will cure me. I'm not buying any of that!"

"But you don't buy Civitan, you join it."

"Hey! What is Civitan anyway?"

"We are 'Builders of Good Citizenship'. In other words, we help make things better for the campus and the community that we serve. The boost your ego gets when you've worked with the underprivileged, mentally and physically handicapped children and adults and on other worthwhile projects is your reward and cure for the downs."

"I'll buy that. What do I do now?"

"I told you before that you don't buy Civitan, but if you would like to become a charter member or find out for yourself just exactly what a Civitan is, come to Lounge C in ACL at 6:30 any or every Monday. See you there!"

Stored gas cans potential bombs

The National Safety Council is warning motorists not to store gasoline cans of extra fuel in their homes or cars as a hedge against Sunday gas station closings. These gasoline cans are actually potential lethal liquid bombs—the explosive power of one gallon of gasoline has been compared to the force of 14 sticks of dynamite.

In a recent test, researchers placed a safety can full of gasoline in the trunk of a car, left the engine running, moved to a safe distance and waited. Within 20 minutes the car exploded.

Hans Grigo, technical consultant for the Safety Council, warns that there is no safe way to store gasoline either in the home or car. Gasoline vapors are known to fill the available space in containers they are confined in. This expansion can split the seams of an unvented can or plastic container and also cause vapor leakage from a vented safety can. Sparks from a light switch, electrical appliance, car ignition or short in tail or brake lights can then cause an explosion.

The Safety Council advises instead that motorists plan routes and schedules in advance so as not to be caught short when gas stations are closed.

NEWS in Brief

Tonight at 6:45 p.m., a general student recital will be held by the Department of Music in Klein Memorial Theater. The event is open to the public.

8 p.m. is curtain time tonight for the piano duo of Klaus Hellwig and his wife Masumi Arai. Those who have not picked up tickets for this program of the College Concert Series should contact the Office of Student Services in ACL.

Students who participated in the formation of the Transcendental Meditation class last semester are reminded of an advanced lecture to be given Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. in Monroe 15. Thursday at 8 p.m., an introductory lecture will be given for anyone interested in beginning the course.

Seniors can officially start their countdown on Senior Hundredth Night, February 7. The celebration, which will be held in Seacobeck basement from 8-12 p.m., will be catered by Pizza Hut and beer will be served. The cost is 50 cents per person and IDs are required. All seniors and faculty are invited.

Women's groups explore images

by Diane Muro

In this time of turbulence and conflict, it is not surprising that many people are having trouble trying to decide exactly where and what their place in the world is. As a result of this mental confusion, the question "Who am I?" inevitably arises. Unfortunately, asking this question usually leads to more confusion which is commonly terms as an "identity crisis." In the case of many women, however, the original question is often compounded with "Who am I as a woman in this society?" Arriving at these questions can be a trauma, but the answers eventually reached are even more disturbing to some if they feel isolated in their homes because they have been forced to submit to a male-controlled system and therefore, are not recognized as a responsible person.

In order to combat this feeling of woman's isolation, forced submission and second-class rating, consciousness-raising groups have been formed. The purpose of these groups is to make women more aware of themselves and how they are effected by institutions, men and other women. The idea is to create a sisterhood which is collectively supportive. These "rap groups" are the basic unit of the Woman's Movement.

Presently, there is such a group on the Mary Washington campus which has been meeting once a week since September. The women in this group insist that their point is not to put anyone down, but to become acquainted with all facets of what it means to be a woman today. In addition, there is a strong emphasis placed on confidentiality and trust and none of the members are under pressure to become radical feminists. There is no leader and each member is expected to be honest and give support to her sisters.

By forming consciousness-raising groups, women who are dissatisfied with the present system attempt to come to terms with themselves as women and functioning members in a modern and changing society.



Mary Wash Wonders...

Do you believe it? February 7 is the date that marks only 100 days remaining until graduation. For the seniors that must be a frightening yet exciting thought. Only 100 days—until what?

Until the first time that a lot of people will be on their own. All strings cut; financial ones, legal ones, social ideas and parental ones. They must begin to realize that their worlds is now much larger and the paths they choose to take are longer than the ones from the dorm to Seacobeck, class, to E. Lee, Combs to Goodrick.

My hope for them is that the world they find is a truly fulfilling one. One that offers them the growing experiences that they have had in a very small dose their past four years. No one can live in a vacuum forever, and four years is too long. Education is a beautiful thing, but think how much more it could be if there surrounded it an air of growth, accomplishment and social change.

Let's hope that every 100th Night to follow is celebrated with an air of sadness. Sadness that there is so little time to equip themselves for a chosen field. Let's hope this college has more to offer the students each year, more than the past four years.

To the seniors on 100th Night: Lift your glasses and think of me for I'll be hoping for you!

America starts celebration for 200th birthday

"Freeze profits not people" and "Impeach Nixon, Exxon, ITT" were the cries of December 14-16, 1973 as people across the U.S. expressed their discontent with

national policies during Tea Party Weekend sponsored by the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. In Boston, the 1773 Boston Tea Party was re-enacted by

a 1973 Oil Party in which oil drums were thrown overboard a ship. In Chicago, an impeach Nixon motorcade went to Liberty Hall for a town meeting and celebration. In Middlesboro, Ken. members of the Appalachian Bicentennial Commission appeared outside the offices of the American Association Ltd. in protest to that company's policies regarding land ownership, coal, and industry. However, these protests were not just what the ARBC had in mind for its first major event—just Tea Party Weekend—of our country's bicentennial celebration.



Instead of mass demonstrations, the ARBC has placed its emphasis on festivities and cultural activities leading up to July 4, 1776. Local programs throughout the country are bringing about an American metamorphosis with environmental improvements, development of educational resources, expansion of the local tourist industries, and the expansion of residents' awareness and appreciation of their town. The Boy Scouts of America have been officially recognized as part of the Bicentennial program for their four-year program to involve some 6.5 million youth and adult members in activities leading to the commemoration of America's 200th birthday.

Furthermore, the ARBC recently recommended that Congress not change or rescure the National Anthem on the basis that it would be "inappropriate for anyone to use the Bicentennial to change the National Anthem, since the 'Star Spangled Banner' is so associated and ingrained as our National theme." However, many Americans oppose the commission's recommendation because they believe the 'Star Spangled Banner' glorifies battle, thus in regard to ARBC's preceding statement — war is our national theme.

Moreover, in a major policy move to emphasize that the Bicentennial belongs equally to all groups and individuals at 'every level,' the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has voted not to endorse single commissions and works offered and sponsored by various sources.

ALCOHOL Highway Safety Quiz

TRUE OR FALSE: Strong black coffee is helpful in sobering a person up before he drives. See question 2.

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. In Virginia, conviction of driving while intoxicated is punishable only by fines.
2. Strong black coffee is helpful in sobering a person up before he drives.
3. Social drinkers cause more fatal accidents than alcoholics.
4. A person who has had one drink (12 ounces of beer or one ounce of 86 proof whiskey) should be allowed to drive.
5. The country with the toughest penalty for a simple drunk driving conviction is the United States.

ANSWERS

1. *False.* The person convicted in a Virginia court of the first offense of driving while intoxicated receives a mandatory driver's license suspension of six months, with a maximum license suspension of up to one year at the discretion of the judge. Fines may be levied and jail sentences imposed at the discretion of the judge. At present, the person who has a blood alcohol content of .10 per cent or higher is considered legally drunk in Virginia. Both the blood test and the breath test are legally admissible as court evidence.
2. *False.* Since alcohol is a central nervous system de-



pressant, the popular opinion that a stimulant such as caffeine will neutralize the effects of alcohol is not a surprising one. However, according to a study prepared by the University of Wisconsin for the U.S. Department of Transportation, the administration of stimulants to persons already impaired by alcohol has not resulted in any decrease in physiological impairment. In some cases, alcohol-impaired persons who consume coffee have shown subjective feelings of increased alertness and, occasionally, a brief improvement in unskilled tasks. However, in no case has blood alcohol content been decreased or driving performance improved. The initial alertness has been shown to

disappear within a half an hour and in some cases coordination has by then deteriorated.

3. *False.* The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation reports that alcohol is a major causative factor in about 50 per cent of fatal traffic accidents. Among the alcohol-involved fatalities, problem drinker-drivers and problem drinker-pedestrians are responsible for about two-thirds. Young people inexperienced in combining drinking and driving and mature social drinkers, driving while impaired or intoxicated, cause about one-third. It is significant to note, however, that, while the problem drinker is on the road more

often when he is intoxicated — and therefore causes more accidents — the social drinker is equally dangerous when he drives in an impaired state.

4. *True.* The Office of Alcohol Countermeasures, which operates under the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, notes that, with few exceptions, one drink (as defined in the question) will not adversely affect an individual's driving ability. After considering various factors such as height, weight, metabolic rate, food in the stomach, rate of drinking and general physical and mental condition, blood alcohol content after one drink will be very low.

5. *False.* If you think the U.S. is cracking down on drunk drivers, take a look at what's happening in some other countries. In South Africa, the drunk driver is either sent to prison for 10 years, fined \$2,800 or both. In Turkey, drunk drivers are driven 20 miles out of town and forced to walk back under police escort. In Australia, the names of drunk drivers are sent to the local newspapers and printed under the headline "He's drunk and in jail." In Malaya, the drunk is jailed and if he's married his wife is obliged to join him.

Student wins alumni award

by Tracy Burke

Gail Shackelford Shelton, a senior from Stafford County, was presented with the Fredericksburg chapter of the Alumni Association award Jan. 23 at Brompton.

The award is given on the basis of academic achievement during seven completed semesters of study at Mary Washington. The ward is not given, however, unless the student having the highest grade-point average is considered to be an outstanding scholar, said a spokesman for the Alumni Association. This is the first time in several years that the ward has been given. The recipient of the ward must also be a graduate of a Fredericksburg area high school.

Gail, a math major with a 3.6 cumulative average, was given an engraved silver bowl by Brynn Irving Winn, the president of the local chapter.

The Mary Washington College Alumni Award is the next award which will be presented at Senior Convocation in April. This award is given on a basis of academic achievement and outstanding service to the college.

A committee including several faculty members, advisers to the Senior Class, the Dean of Students and the Dean of the College will choose the recipient from a list of the top ten percent of the graduating class.

The name of the winner of this award will be engraved on a large silver punch bowl with past winners will be given a smaller duplicate of the bowl to keep.

This ward was first established in 1945 as the Thomas Jefferson Cup Award but the name changed as Mary Washington became independent of the University of Virginia in 1973.

"People who got the award in the past are doing well for themselves," said Mrs. Diana Koski of the Alumni Association. "It's a good reflection on the college."

Brewster offers support for ERA

Dear Bullet:

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We feel that pressure has to be put on each individual delegate and senator by his constituents, so that the legislators themselves will press for release of the ERA Bill from committee.

We are asking you, therefore, if it would be possible to form delegations of interested persons in your area and arrange trips to Richmond to see your representatives. Letters are also important, but legislators seem to be more impressed with direct, face-to-face confrontation.

The Seventh District has explanatory packets made up for you if you wish. They can be gotten by writing to this address, at the cost of \$1: 2212 Brandywine Drive, Charlottesville, Va., 22901. If you wish any further information, or have any questions to ask, please call me collect at 973-4826.

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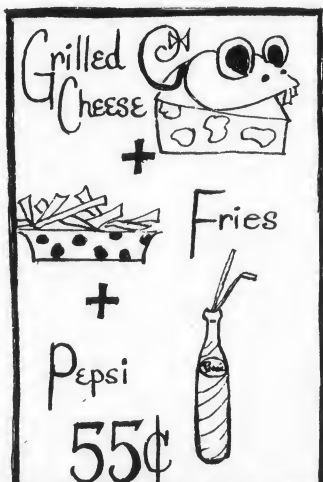
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